

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARMES

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the United States Forest Service to allow the Louisiana Wildlife and

3 Fisheries Commission to set hunting seasons and regulations within the Kisatchie

4 National Forest.

5 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Constitution, in Article IX, Section 1, requires the

6 protection, conservation, and replenishment of the natural resources of the state and in

7 Article IX, Section 7, provides that ". . . control and supervision of the wildlife of the state.

8 . ." is vested in the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; and

9 WHEREAS, both provisions of the constitution allow for statutory implementation

10 of the details of these broad-based responsibilities and the statutes provide for the Wildlife

11 and Fisheries Commission to set hunting season dates, take limits, size restrictions, and other

12 parameters on taking of the state's wildlife resources; and

13 WHEREAS, the only place in the state where the commission's authority to set

14 hunting seasons and restrictions on hunting activities is not consistently applicable is in the

15 Kisatchie National Forest, which is one of the largest tracts of land where there can be

16 general hunting by the public without the necessity of land ownership or leasing; and

17 WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service is not an agency tasked with

18 management of wildlife or regulation of hunting activities so the Louisiana Wildlife and

19 Fisheries Commission is a more appropriate agency to be setting hunting policy; and

1           WHEREAS, consistency of hunting policy across state and federal lands would  
2   enable more consistent enforcement of hunting laws and would reduce the confusion and  
3   possible conflicts among hunters and would likely reduce hunting accidents across the board.

4           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
5   urge and request the United States Forest Service to allow the Louisiana Wildlife and  
6   Fisheries Commission to set hunting seasons and regulations within the Kisatchie National  
7   Forest.

8           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the  
9   United States Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the United States Forest Service.

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DIGEST

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